

Sinclair Broadcasting uses our airwaves free of charge. In return, Sinclair owes us programming that serves our public interest. While this is a complex issue, the recent move by Sinclair to force their stations to air a one sided anti-Kerry program just days before the election clearly does a disservice to our democracy. This is not about fostering debate -- if it were, it would be weeks or months from the election. This move by Sinclair is about using their clout as a large corporation to levy accusations against a candidate so close to an election that he is limited in his ability to rebut them. This move by Sinclair is designed to sway the election. This is not a use of the airwaves to serve the public good, but an example of the public airwaves being used against us.

To prevent future actions such as this, the FCC needs to strengthen its rules governing media ownership.

Thank you,

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